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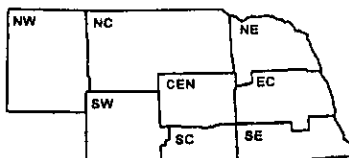
## WEATHER & CROPS



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### WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged 11 to 17 degrees below normals across the State. Precipitation was light across the State, with amounts averaging from a trace up to nearly a tenth of an inch.

### GENERAL

Good harvesting weather promoted active corn and sorghum harvest last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Less than 10% of the corn crop remained to be combined as of Sunday and less than 5% of the soybean and sorghum acreage. Stalk lodging from the previous week's high winds continued to cause the remaining crop acres to be difficult to harvest. Elevators continued to pile grain outside in emergency storage. Other farm activities included applying fertilizer, fencing stalks, marketing grain, and livestock care.

### CROPS

Corn for grain harvest progressed to 91% complete. This is behind 92% last year but ahead of 85% average.

### CROPS (Cont.)

Reports from eastern parts of the State indicated harvest losses have ranged from 10% to as high as 50% in some fields due to earlier snow storms and high winds.

Soybean harvest progressed 3% above the previous week with 97% combined as of Sunday. This is behind 100% last year and average. Crop harvest was slow due to high soybean moisture content and producers' concentration on corn. The soybeans remaining in the fields were running 16-20% moisture content, making mechanical drying necessary.

Sorghum grain harvest advanced to 96% complete, ahead of 87% last year and 93% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7% poor, 26% fair, 58% good and 9% excellent.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producer activities included weaning calves and moving cows to stalk fields. Some reports indicated that some cattle on corn stalks had foundered due to the high level of corn on the ground.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	74	92	94	87	91	87	93	97	91	81	92	85
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	97	97	97	96	100	98	96	97	94	100	100
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	99	100	92	97	96	93	97	96	85	87	93
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1997												
Days suitable	5.3	6.9	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.1	5.9	5.2	4.8	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	13	10	25	2	4	13	4	1	10	6	22	
- Adequate	58	89	72	94	92	80	96	90	84	80	74	
- Surplus	27	1	2	4	4	7	0	9	6	14	4	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	3	12	22	5	9	20	14	35	15	14	19	
- Adequate	97	82	75	93	88	77	86	57	82	81	78	
- Surplus	0	4	1	2	3	2	0	8	2	5	3	

n/a = not available.

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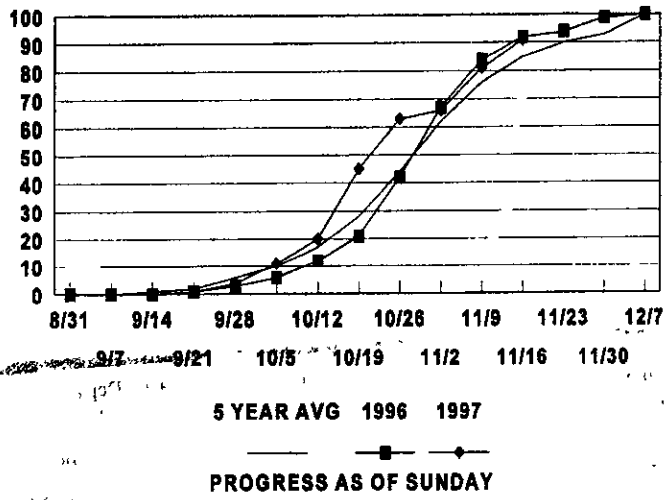
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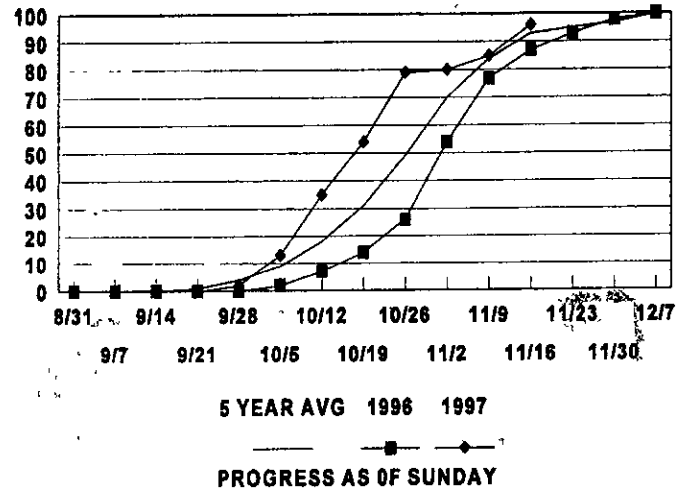
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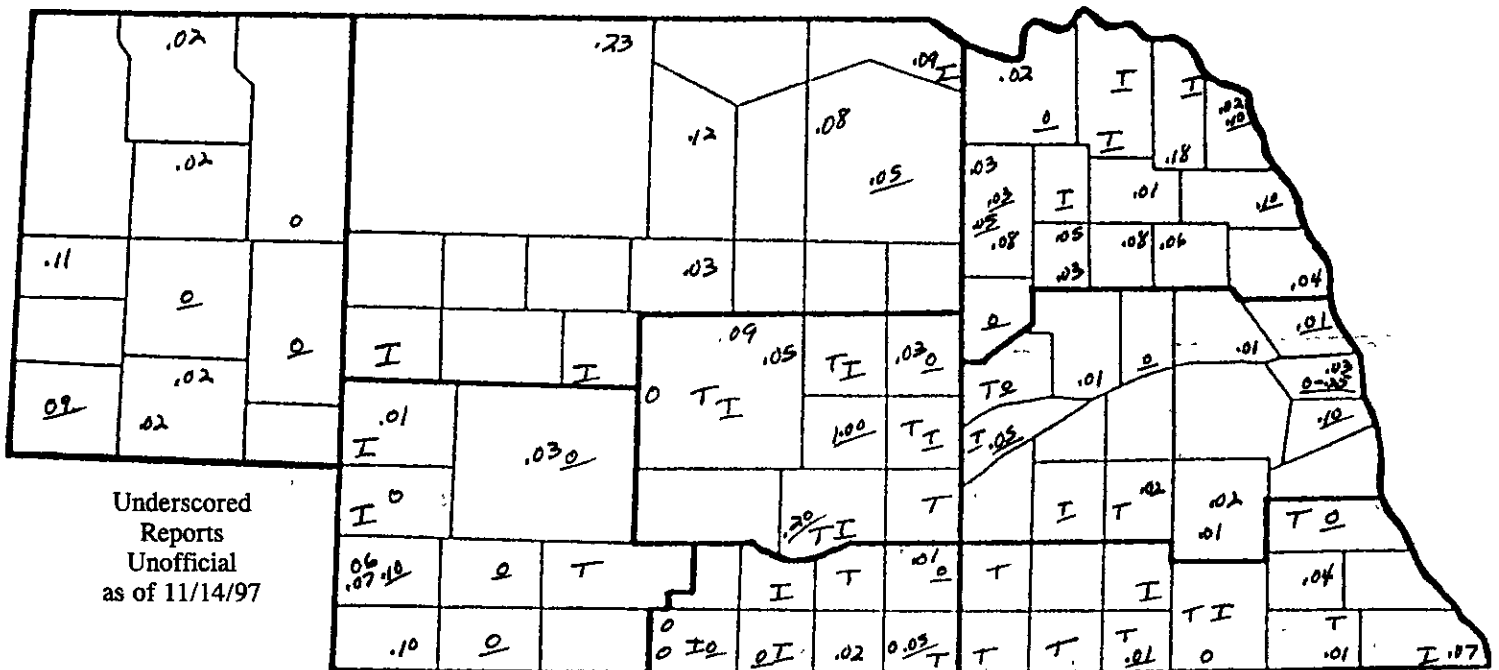
# SORGHUM

## HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

% HARVESTED



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1997



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1997

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	42	-6	21	---	.02
	Scottsbluff	40	3	23	-15	.11
	Sidney	36	1	22	---	.02
NC	Valentine	38	-10	19	-17	.23
NE	Norfolk	41	8	24	-14	.05
	Sioux City	41	11	26	-12	.02
CEN	Grand Island	43	12	27	-12	T
	Ord	41	12	26	---	T
EC	Lincoln	41	11	29	-11	.02
	Omaha	40	16	28	-13	.03
SW	Imperial	40	9	25	---	.06
	North Platte	38	7	20	-17	.03